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METHOD OF USE

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111

The following remarks are responsive to the non-final Office Action dated January 2, 2003.

REMARKS

Pursuant to the Office Action mailed on January 2, 2003, claims 1-3, 5-12, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,821,515 to Kitahara ("Kitahara") in view of United States Patent No. 6,029,887 to Furuhashi et al. ("Furuhashi") and United States Patent No. 5,530,232 to Taylor ("Taylor"). Claims 13 and 15-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kitahara as modified by Furuhashi et al. and further in view of United States Patent No. 4,910,774 to Barakat